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BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWARD SHOOK

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 16-28A.004 OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF BUILDING SIGNATURE SIGN SO AS TO NOT ALLOW PARKING DECKS TO COUNTED IN THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the definition of Building Signature Signs in Section 16-28A.004 of the Sign Ordinance has been interpreted to allow for the inclusion of parking decks when considering whether a building is the required four (4) stories in height in order to qualify for such a sign; and

WHEREAS, the interpretation of this definition has allowed Building Signature Signs to be installed on buildings on which the building itself is less than four (4) stories tall; and

WHEREAS, it will better protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta, better maintain an aesthetically attractive city and provide safer operating conditions for pedestrian and vehicular traffic to not allow Building Signature Signs on buildings whose actual height, exclusive of parking decks, are not four (4) stories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 16-28A.004 of the Zoning Code of the City of Atlanta be amended to add a new sentence at the end of the definition of Building Signature Sign so that it will read as follows:

Building Signature Sign: A wall sign, erected on a building four (4) or more stories in height, indicating the address of the premises, the name and/or logo of the owner, the name of the building, or the name and/or logo or a principal occupant, but containing no other commercial message. For purposes of this section, no part of a parking deck shall be used in calculating the height of a building

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be repealed.

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